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Examiner

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∑ The petition filed on ______ Dec 22, 1997 under 37 CFR 1.312(b) is granted. The paper has been forwarded to the examiner for consideration on the merits.

John J. Love Director,

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🛛 The amendment filed on ______ Dec 22, 1997 __ under 37 CFR 1.312 has been considered, and has been:

entered.

🛛 entered as directed to matters of form not affecting the scope of the invention (Order 3311).

disapproved. See explanation below.

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